

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL
MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, January 11, 2007, 3 to 4 PM
Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI
Conference Room 62**

Members Present: Gloria Gillespie, Christine McPherson, Ted Melinat, JoAnn Monaghan, Pat Wagner, Tracey Yokich, DHS: Colleen Duhm, Guest: Sue Dobrich

Members Not Present: Judy Labovitz, Alice Thompson, DHS: Mary Mehren

1. Permanency for Foster Children

Tracey's proposal was discussed. All members liked the proposal. There was a discussion about Judge Tacoma's article and Tracey's proposal. The real concern is Binsfield legislation did not correct the problem of kids languishing in foster but just moved kids from temporary ward status to permanent wards status.

There was discussion about what our next step would be. The first step is to get updated numbers and to confirm Judge Tacoma's numbers. Once we have the numbers, we will meet to go over what the numbers mean, etc. and to decide our next step. Colleen will see what types of numbers she can get from DHS. A list will be sent out to the committee. We will decide what numbers we want and Colleen will get the data for our meeting on 2/26/07.

Judge Dobrich knows Judge Tacoma and will contact him to find out where he got the numbers used in his article and to discuss his article.

At the full task force meeting, it was learned that there is a task force on this issue through SCAO. Carol Siemon indicated that the contact at SCAO is Kelly Howard, phone # (517) 373-8671.

2. Update on Joint Meeting of CRPs

- Wednesday, February 7, 2007, 10am - 3 PM, MPHI, Interactive Learning Center

3. CRP Annual Report

CRP Annual Report is due soon. We will discuss at the joint meeting.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

None

6. Next meetings

There are two meetings scheduled. The joint meeting with all three CRPs is scheduled for **February 7, 2007** as listed above. Another meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 26, 2007** from 1 to 5 at Hall of Justice in Lansing (Room IS-69).